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General Comment

Farmers in my area of the Chesapeake Bay watershed have done a tremendous job of improving their practices over the years. I have been directly involved in the poultry industry for 33 years and over that time period the changes have been dramatic. If farmers are given a chance and sufficient time they will certainly do their part to save the bay. Farmers typically don't have an enormous opportunity to make substantial profit, and without help from state and federal governments they cannot afford the measures that are being thrust upon them by our federal government. I think the recent election shows how the majority of citizens feel about the way government is running our country and this Chesapeake Bay TMDL is just another example. I attended one of the TMDL public meetings and the audience was overwhelmingly on the side of farmers. Please do not rush into this and make decisions that will drive many farmers out of business. This country needs to begin to stop and think where their food actually comes from. It's not just the grocery store. Let's give farmers some time and money and they will do their part. The Chesapeake Bay didn't get in the shape it's in overnight and it certainly won't be fixed overnight.